

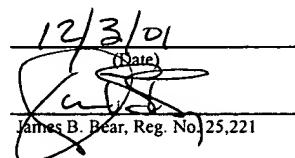


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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) BY AMY C. CHRISTENSEN
REGARDING NONSIGNING INVENTOR FRED LOCICERO

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Dear Sir:

I, Amy C. Christensen, declare and state the following:

1. I am an attorney at Knobbe, Martens, Olson and Bear, LLP, which represents Travel Services International, Inc. ("Travel Services International") with regard to certain intellectual property matters.
2. I am informed and believe that Martin Schiff, Kathleen Sussman-Wiles, Vivian Ewart, Wallace Huff, Byron Berk, Maureen Elenberger, Timothy Fessenden, Paul Fitton, Vance Loiselle, Michael Carpenter, Michael Sherota, Elizabeth Judy, Elena Rodriguez, Holley Christen, Mitch Cox, Todd Elliott, Kevin Helms, Adolf Quintana, Dot Tolle, Nancy Porter, Karen Reynolds, Monica Scanlon, Paul Colangelo, Tracey Codd, Joanell DeLand, Timothy Moorhead, Anne D. Burkard, George DelPino, Joelle Delva, Sharon Everhart-Brooks, Bradley Ferguson, David Forman, Samuel Hintz, Irwin Klotz, Courtney Kurk, Keith Leslie, Sandi Levy, Fred

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Locicero, Charlotte Luna, Jeffrey Nickerson, and Maryann Bastnagel are joint and co-inventors in the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

3. I am informed and believe that at the time of the activities leading up to the invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, Fred Locicero was an employee of Travel Services International.

4. I am informed and believe that Fred Locicero participated in a project to develop systems and methods of comparing product information on behalf of Travel Services International.

5. The last address of Fred Locicero, known to me, is:

58 Carnegie Drive
Smithtown, NY 11787.

6. On or about December 13, 2000, I reviewed and verified the contents of a letter sent by James B. Bear, attorney at Knobbe, Martens, Olson and Bear, LLP, via Federal Express Priority Overnight Service to Fred Locicero, 58 Carnegie Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787. The letter included a copy of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, including the specification, claims, drawings, and the Declaration by Inventors. The letter also included an Assignment form for the application. The letter asked Fred Locicero to sign the enclosed Declaration by Inventors, sign and notarize the Assignment form, and then return the papers to James B. Bear. A copy of the delivery documentation, the letter, and the enclosures relating to the above-referenced patent application are attached hereto as Exhibit A and are incorporated herein by reference.

7. On August 16, 2001, at approximately 3:34p.m., I left a voice message for Fred Locicero at (631) 724-8499 in an effort to follow up on the status of the documents.

8. On August 20, 2001, I received a telephone call from Fred Locicero and had a telephone conversation with Fred Locicero. During the telephone conversation, Fred Locicero said that he given a copy of the declaration or assignment documents to his attorney. Furthermore, Fred Locicero stated that he would not sign the declaration or assignment documents until Travel Services International provided him with a copy of an employment contract which stated that rights to the patents belonged to Travel Services International. Fred Locicero stated that he would have his attorney contact me for further discussion. As of December 3, 2001, I have not received any contact from the attorney for Fred Locicero.

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9. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further declare that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: December 3, 2001

By: Amy C. Christensen
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